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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has:

1. objected to the TITLE OF THE INVENTION;
2. objected to the ABSTRACT;
3. rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 24 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,307,302; and
4. objected to claim 27 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim;

In response to Item 1, the TITLE OF THE INVENTION has been amended to recite:

-- A METHOD OF FORMING A RESONANCE TRANSDUCER--. Reconsideration and removal of this objection is requested.

In response to Item 2, the ABSTRACT has been deleted and a new ABSTRACT is added herein in compliance with MPEP 608.01(b). Reconsideration and removal of this objection is requested.

In response to Items 3 and 4, Applicant acknowledges the language of claim 24 in Applicant's prior U.S. patent 6,307,302 (the '302 patent) is identical to that of present claim 26 appearing in the instant application. Applicant notes, however, that the present application is a divisional of the above-identified '302 patent. During prosecution of said '302 patent, claims 26-27, drawn to a method of forming a piezoelectric device, were subject to restriction under 35 USC 121 (see office

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action with mailing date 06/26/00). In response to Applicant's provisional election of claims 1-25 drawn to a piezoelectric resonator, the Patent Office withdrew from consideration claims 26-27 (see office action with mailing date 09/05/00). Applicant, in response to the 09/05/00 office action, canceled the withdrawn claims 26-27, amended claim 1, and newly added claims 28-34. A Notice of Allowance with mailing date 05/31/01 was subsequently received by Applicant indicating allowance of claims 1-25 and 28-34. Regrettably, the '302 patent appears to have issued with canceled method claim 26 issuing as claim 24 of the '302 patent. Claim 25 of the '302 patent appears to be a truncated version of canceled method claim 27. Thus, claims 24-25 of the '302 patent appear to have been inadvertently included during printing of the '302 patent. Applicant intends to file a petition for correction of the '302 patent to remedy this error by the Patent Office. Accordingly, claims 26-27 as appearing in the present application are not subject to 35 USC 101 double patenting and should be allowed. Removal of this rejection and allowance of these claims is requested.

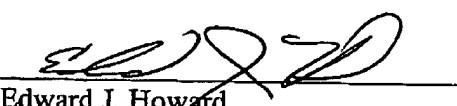
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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26 and 27 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants' undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 609-919-4428.

Respectfully Submitted

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